

APR 11 2007

REMARKS

The Office has rejected claim 1 on page 2 of the Office Action, under 35 U.S.C. §112, as lacking sufficient antecedent basis. Applicant has amended claim 1 in order to correct for this informality.

The Office has rejected claims 1-20 on page 2 of the Office Action, under 35 U.S.C. § 102, as being anticipated by United States Patent No. US 6,321,334 B1 (Jerger et al.). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections.

None of the cited references, including Jerger et al., disclose or suggest the specific combination of claim 1. For example, Jerger et al. does not disclose a system wherein the at least one interface mode adjustment switch is dedicated for use with the controller to selectively determine passage of material content, as recited in claim 1. Support for this claim amendment may be found in at least paragraphs [0019] and [0022] and in Figs. 1 and 3 of Applicant's application.

Jerger et al. discloses a computer based system that allows a user to configure a custom zone security policy. See Jerger et al. at column 4, lines 2-4. The user is able to specify whether a protected operation is allowed, not allowed, or whether the user should be prompted to take a specific action. See Jerger et al. at column 4, lines 27-31. A security configuration user interface 226 is provided and allows for the configuration of user permission sets that comprise progressively more "fine-grained" permissions than an Internet security manager 222 to incoming content. See Jerger et al. at column 13, lines 48-55. Fig. 4B shows a web site list box 428 that displays a list of web sites that are currently configured within the currently selected security zone. See Jerger et al. at column 17, line 66 to column 18, line 1. The user can remove web sites from a security zone by selecting the web site and clicking the remove button 430. See Jerger et al. at column 18, lines 1-3. As shown in Fig. 4A, a user can select, with a mouse or keyboard, various buttons to manipulate the displayed dialog windows. See Jerger et al. at column 18, lines 12-17. The security level for each security zone can be selected in the dialog

window 402 between a high level 408, medium level 410, low level 412, and custom level 414. See Jerger et al. at column 18, lines 32-38.

In contrast to claim 1, Jerger et al. does not disclose a system wherein the at least one interface mode adjustment switch is dedicated for use with the controller to selectively determine passage of material content. Jerger et al. discloses a web site list box 428 from which web sites can be removed to configure the selected security zone. See Jerger et al. at column 17, line 66 to column 18, line 3. Also, the security level for each security zone can be selected in the dialog window 402 of Fig. 4A. See Jerger et al. at column 18, lines 32-38. Removal of the web sites and selection of the security levels are accomplished by the user through the use of a mouse or keyboard which are input devices capable of a variety of uses with the computer. See Jerger et al. at column 18, lines 12-31. Nowhere does Jerger et al. disclose or teach a system wherein the at least one interface mode adjustment switch is dedicated for use with the controller to selectively determine passage of material content. Hence, claim 1 is allowable.

Claims 2-11 depend from claim 1, which Applicant has shown to be allowable. Hence, Jerger et al. fails to disclose at least one element of each of claims 2-11. Accordingly, claims 2-11 are also allowable, at least by virtue of their dependence from claim 1.

None of the cited references, including Jerger et al., disclose or suggest the specific combination of claim 12. For example, Jerger et al. does not disclose a system wherein in the learning mode the controller is able to reduce the security level for tasks without requiring a user to make adjustments in said interface, as recited in claim 12. Support for this claim amendment may be found in at least paragraphs [0043] and [0044] of Applicant's application.

In contrast to claim 12, Jerger et al. does not disclose a system wherein in the learning mode the controller is able to reduce the security level for tasks without requiring a user to make adjustments in said interface. In Jerger et al. the user must manually select web sites and manually click a remove button 430 in order to add or remove web sites from a security zone and as such must make adjustments. See Jerger et al. at column 18, lines 1-4 and Fig. 4B. Hence, claim 12 is allowable.

Claims 13-15 depend from claim 12, which Applicant has shown to be allowable. Hence, Jerger et al. fails to disclose at least one element of each of claims 13-15. Accordingly, claims 13-15 are also allowable, at least by virtue of their dependence from claim 12.

None of the cited references, including Jerger et al., disclose or suggest the specific combination of claim 16. For example, Jerger et al. does not disclose a method comprising selecting a material content passage operating mode via at least one physical interface mode adjustment switch that is dedicated for use in selecting the material content passage operating mode, as recited in claim 16.

In contrast to claim 16, Jerger et al. does not disclose a method comprising selecting a material content passage operating mode via at least one physical interface mode adjustment switch that is dedicated for use in selecting said material content passage operating mode. Jerger et al. discloses a web site list box 428 from which web sites can be removed to configure the selected security zone. See Jerger et al. at column 17, line 66 to column 18, line 3. Also, the security level for each security zone can be selected in the dialog window 402 of Fig. 4A. See Jerger et al. at column 18, lines 32-38. Removal of the web sites and selection of the security levels are accomplished by the user through the use of a mouse or keyboard which are input devices capable of a variety of uses with the computer. See Jerger et al. at column 18, lines 12-31. Nowhere does Jerger et al. disclose or teach a method comprising selecting a material content passage operating mode via at least one physical interface mode adjustment switch that is dedicated for use in selecting the material content passage operating mode. Hence, claim 16 is allowable.

Claims 17-20 depend from claim 16, which Applicant has shown to be allowable. Hence, Jerger et al. fails to disclose at least one element of each of claims 17-20. Accordingly, claims 17-20 are also allowable, at least by virtue of their dependence from claim 16.

APR 11 2007

CONCLUSION

Applicant has pointed out specific features of the claims not disclosed, suggested, or rendered obvious by the references applied in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the objections and rejections, as well as an indication of the allowability of each of the pending claims.

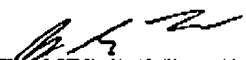
Any changes to the claims in this amendment, which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the prior art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below if such a call would in any way facilitate allowance of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-2469.

Respectfully submitted,

4-11-2007
Date


Jeffrey G. Toler, Reg. No. 38,342
Attorney for Applicant(s)
TOLER SCHAFFER, L.L.P.
8500 Bluffstone Cove, Suite A201
Austin, Texas 78759
(512) 327-5515 (phone)
(512) 327-5575 (fax)